

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SUNDAY AUGUST 17, 2003 - 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 5

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was heavy in the Eastern Great Basin Area, moderate in the Northern Rockies Area and light elsewhere. Nationally, 219 new fires were reported. Nine new large fires were reported, four in the Northern Rockies, three in the Rocky Mountain, and one each in the Northwest and Eastern Great Basin Areas. Three large fires were contained, two in the Rocky Mountain Area, and one in the Northern Rockies Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

An Area Command Team (Greenhoe) is assigned to manage Black Mountain 2, Cherry Creek, Fish Creek, and North Howard Complex. An Area Command Team (Ribar) is assigned to manage Boles Meadow, Dirty Ike, Mineral/Primm, Twin Lakes, Cooney Ridge, Strawberry Complex, and Gold 1. An Area Command Team (Mann) is assigned to manage Crazy Horse, Robert, Wedge Canyon, Trapper Creek Complex and Little Salmon Creek Complex.

FISH CREEK, Lolo National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Benes) is assigned. This incident is comprised of the Fish Creek, Thompson Creek, Surveyor Creek, Lower Quartz, Siamese Lake, Indian Creek, Middle Fork Indian Creek, Cedar Log and West Fork Indian Creek fires, 24 miles west of Missoula, MT. The Cedar Log fire was very active, making extensive plume dominated crown runs. Firefighters, in partnership with air support, checked fire spread near containment lines along the east flank to protect structures. Structure protection is in place for 75 residences and one commercial property.

BLACK MOUNTAIN 2, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Dietrich) is assigned. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Gelobter) has been ordered. This fire is in mixed conifer, understory and grass, nine miles west of Missoula, MT. Shifting winds gusting over 50 miles per hour caused the fire to blow out in the O'Brien Creek area and spot on the south side. Uphill runs, crowning, multiple tree torching, and spotting were observed. Residences were evacuated in the O'Brien Creek, Cedar Ridge/Lyon Gulch and Triple Creek areas. There are 131 residences immediately threatened. Evacuation warnings were issued for 199 additional homes. Structure protection is in place for 650 residences.

CHERRY CREEK, Lolo National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Swope) is assigned. This fire is in lodge pole pine and heavy fuel loading, 12 miles southeast of Thompson Falls, MT. Single tree torching and short uphill interior runs were observed. Eddy Creek, Swamp Creek and Cherry Creek residences continue to be threatened. Structure protection is in place for 180 residences.

NORTH HOWARD COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kechter) is assigned. This fire is in heavy logging slash and a variety of stand regeneration, 16 miles west of Missoula, MT. No new information was reported.

COONEY RIDGE COMPLEX, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management team (Sandman) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Cooney Ridge, Middle, Three Mile, and Holloman fires, is eleven miles east of Florence, MT. Fire behavior was extreme with sustained crown runs and long range spotting observed. Residents in Schwartz and Gilbert Creeks were evacuated. Area roads remain closed. Structure protection is in place for 100 residences.

GOLD 1, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Philbin) is assigned. This fire is in heavy timber, nine miles northeast of Corvallis, MT. West winds pushed the fire over Owens Peak and down into the Signal Creek and Burnt Fork Creek drainages. Structure protection is in place for six residences.

BOLES MEADOW, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hoff) is assigned. This fire is in mixed conifer stands and brush, 25 miles northeast of Missoula, MT. Thunderstorms brought some precipitation, but high winds quickly dried fuels. Torching, short range spotting and short runs were observed. Structure protection is in place for 150 residences.

MINERAL/PRIMM, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned. The fire is in timber, 19 miles northeast of Missoula, MT. Strong west winds caused torching and crowning along ridge tops and spotting up to ¼ mile. The fire continued to flank towards Gold Creek.

DIRTY IKE, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Chrisman) is assigned. This fire is three miles northeast of Clinton, MT. Fire behavior moderated due to precipitation. Isolated individual tree torching and creeping ground fire were observed.

STRAWBERRY COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Berndt) is assigned. This incident, made up of the Strawberry, Slide Rock, Brewster Creek, and Edelman fires, is in logging slash, 27 miles southeast of Missoula, MT. Fire behavior moderated due to cooler temperatures. The Strawberry fire has crossed Tyler Creek and is now active on the east side of the drainage.

MILEPOST 59, Idaho State Forestry. This fire is in brush, grass, mixed conifer timber and slash, five miles northwest of Kamiah, ID. U.S. Highway 12 was closed due to rolling rocks and snags. The fire blew out on the northwest flank into the bottom of Six Mile Creek. Structure protection is in place for ten residences.

SWAIN, Miles City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in ponderosa pine and grass, ten miles southeast of Broadus, MT. Firefighters mopped up a slopover on the west side of the fire. Fire behavior included interior torching and smoldering.

WILLEY, Custer National Forest. This fire is in timber and grass, 35 miles southeast of Ashland, MT. Short crown runs, torching and spotting were observed. Structure protection is in place for five residences.

CATHEDRAL PEAK, Custer National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Humphrey) is assigned. This fire is in timber, 10 miles south of Nye, MT. Late afternoon winds caused torching

and spotting. The Stillwater Mine Complex continues to be threatened. Structure protection is in place for 50 residences and one commercial property.

CRAIG II, Northern Cheyenne Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Stam) has been ordered. This fire is in timber, grass and old slash, ten miles west of Lame Deer, MT. Active fire behavior was observed. Highway 212 was closed temporarily. Structure protection is in place for eight residences.

EAST, Yellowstone National Park. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Gardner) is assigned. This fire is in timber, ten miles east of Fishing Bridge Junction, WY. Structure protection, including a sprinkler system, and an evacuation plan were implemented for the Fishing Bridge Community. Four private vehicles were burned up. Burn out operations on the northwest corner of the fire were successful. The east entrance of the park remains closed. Structure protection is in place for five residences and 30 commercial properties.

BEAVER LAKE COMPLEX, Clearwater National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Beaver Lake, Siah Lake, Moose Lake, Lily Lakes and Hopeful 2 fires, is 19 miles southwest of Missoula, MT. The inversion lifted early and fire activity increased. All fires in the complex, except the Lily Lakes fires, were active with torching, upslope crown runs and short range spotting. Perimeter movement was primarily to the north and east. Structure protection is in place for three residences and three commercial properties.

SLIMS COMPLEX, Nez Perce National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Mortier) is assigned. This complex is comprised of the Slims and Poet Branch fires, 35 miles east of Grangeville, ID. Fire activity on the Poet Branch fire increased significantly in the afternoon due to high winds. Perimeter growth expanded in all directions. Upslope and up canyon runs were observed on the southeast corner of the Slims fire.

CLEAR/NEZ COMPLEX, Clearwater National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) is assigned. The complex is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. There are 14 fires in the complex. The proximal location is six miles southeast of Powell Junction, ID. High winds pushed all of the fires in the complex. Crowning and torching with medium range spotting were observed.

CAYUSE LAKE COMPLEX, Clearwater National Forest. This timber fire is ten miles northwest of Powell, ID. High winds pushed all of the fires in the complex. Crowning and torching with medium range spotting were observed.

CRAZY HORSE, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Vail) is assigned. This fire is in mixed conifer with heavy dead and down fuels, 10 miles northeast of Saint Ignatius, MT. Light precipitation moderated fire behavior. Firefighters made good progress completing and holding the fire lines. Structure protection is in place for 250 residences and 15 commercial properties.

ROBERT, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned. This fire is in timber, eight miles north of Columbia Falls, MT. Breakouts occurred on the northwest and west sides of the fire, spotting into the Kimberly Creek area. Fire behavior moderated due to higher humidity levels. The major road through Glacier National Park (Going to the Sun Highway from West Glacier Gate to Logan Pass) is closed until further notice. These areas are closed or evacuated: Apgar Visitor Center and village, Avalanche campground, Big Creek Area campground, Camas Creek Road, Kelly Camp, Fish Creek, Gist Road and Hay Creek Road. Structure protection is in place for 160 residences and 6 commercial properties.

WEDGE CANYON, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hart) is assigned. This fire is in sub-alpine fir with down fuels, 20 miles east of Eureka, MT. Light precipitation limited fire activity. Structure protection is in place for 80 residences.

TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. Two Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Ferguson and Hart) are sharing management responsibility for this complex. The complex, comprised of the Trapper Creek, Wolf Gun, Paul Bunyan and Trout fires, is in mixed conifer with dead and down fuels, 45 miles northeast of Kalispell, MT. The Wolf Gun is being monitored from the air, but is not staffed. Fire activity slowed due to higher relative humidity levels and reduced wind. The major road through Glacier National Park (Going to the Sun Highway from West Glacier Gate to Logan Pass) is closed until further notice. Structure protection is in place for three commercial properties.

ROUGH DRAW COMPLEX, Gallatin National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned. This complex, five miles southeast of Livingston, MT, is composed of the Rough Draw, Slippery Rock, Speculator 1, Speculator 2 and Hawley fires. Fire activity was minimal on the Slippery Rock fire. A 100 acre slop-over occurred west of Mission Creek on the Rough Draw fire. It was a result of winds associated with an approaching cold front. Structure protection is in place for 18 residences and one commercial property.

WINDMILL COMPLEX, Crow Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Szczepanik) is assigned. The complex is comprised of the Windmill, Aspen, Old Bear and Little Hawk fires. This incident is in ponderosa pine, sagebrush and rangelands, 17 miles east of Hardin, MT. Fire behavior was very active on the north and northeast flanks of the Little Hawk. Structure protection is in place for six residences.

WINSLOW, Beaverhead, Deerlodge National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Blume) is assigned. This fire is in timber, five miles southwest of Lakeview, MT. Strong uphill runs and spotting were observed in areas of the fire above the inversion and not shaded by smoke. The community of Lakeview is under an evacuation notice. Structure protection is in place for 20 residences and one commercial property.

LINCOLN COMPLEX, Helena National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Studebaker) is assigned. This complex is comprised of the Talon, Snowbank and Moose Wasson fires, ten miles west of Lincoln, MT. Light precipitation and higher relative humidity levels moderated fire activity. Structure protection is in place for 25 residences.

BURNT RIDGE COMPLEX, Lewis and Clark National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hendricks) has been ordered. This complex, four miles northwest of Neihart, MT, consists of the Burnt Ridge, Ant Park and Pioneer Ridge fires. Torching and runs in timber were observed on the Ant Creek fire. Active fire behavior was also observed on the Burnt Ridge fire. Structure protection is in place for 17 residences and one commercial property.

SHEEP COMPLEX, Helena National Forest. This incident is in grass and timber, 28 miles southeast of Townsend, MT. This incident consists of the Sheep Camp, Hidden Valley and Avalanche fires. Strong runs were observed on the Sheep Camp fire. Structure protection is in place for three residences.

TYSON, Yellowstone National Park. This fire is in timber, 50 miles west of Cody, WY. Fire behavior moderated due to higher relative humidity levels. Occasional torching and backing was observed.

BUFFALO CREEK, Miles City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in grass and timber, 25 miles south of Broadus, MT. No new information was received.

UPPER TWIN, Clearwater National Forest. This Wildland Fire Use fire is in timber and brush, 26 miles northeast of Pierce, ID. No new information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
FISH CREEK	MT	LNF	8,500	0	8/27	294	6	20	1	0	1M
BLACK MOUNTAIN 2	MT	SWS	5,265	0	8/19	426	10	16	5	0	410K
CHERRY CREEK	MT	LNF	4,000	40	UNK	449	10	14	5	0	2.9M
NORTH HOWARD COMPLEX	MT	LNF	2,267	30	UNK	322	10	7	0	0	875K
COONEY RIDGE COMPLEX	MT	SWS	12,000	5	9/15	513	14	28	3	0	826K
GOLD 1	MT	BRF	5,600	5	UNK	385	9	12	3	0	1.2M
BOLES MEADOW	MT	SWS	3,550	50	8/20	710	19	28	3	0	1.9M
MINERAL/PRIMM	MT	LNF	NR	NR	UNK	277	8	2	0	0	NR
DIRTY IKE	MT	SWS	1,200	70	8/30	316	7	9	0	0	800K
STRAWBERRY COMPLEX	MT	LNF	850	55	UNK	208	6	2	1	0	350K
MILEPOST 59	ID	MCS	4,700	15	8/22	190	4	6	6	1	150K
SWAIN	MT	MCD	7,000	80	8/17	87	2	3	0	0	NR
WILLEY	MT	CNF	2,500	10	8/20	59	0	18	1	0	NR
CATHEDRAL PEAK	MT	CNF	560	5	UNK	178	3	0	7	0	250K
CRAIG II	MT	NCA	6,000	0	UNK	106	3	9	0	2	1K
EAST	WY	YNP	13,500	5	UNK	368	12	4	5	0	400K
BEAVER LAKE COMPLEX	ID	CWF	7,180	10	UNK	753	19	35	7	0	2.4M
SLIMS COMPLEX	ID	NPF	12,200	65	8/25	479	10	8	5	0	13M
CLEAR/NEZ COMPLEX - WFU	ID	CWF	6,409	NR	NR	31	0	0	0	0	135K
CAYUSE LAKE	ID	CWF	5,799	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR
CRAZY HORSE	MT	FNF	9,475	15	UNK	594	13	43	2	0	1.7M
ROBERT	MT	FNF	42,653	45	9/15	824	21	29	13	3	15.7M
WEDGE CANYON	MT	FNF	40,586	60	9/16	882	19	32	7	36	22M
TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX	MT	GNP	24,053	65	9/5	25	1	2	0	1	3.3M
LITTLE SALMON CREEK COMPLEX - WFU	MT	FNF	20,267	N/A	N/A	81	1	0	1	1	1M
ROUGH DRAW COMPLEX	MT	GNF	1,942	5	UNK	419	6	20	6	0	2.1M
WINDMILL COMPLEX	MT	CRA	10,000	40	8/25	298	9	24	0	1	300K
WINSLOW	MT	BDF	8,150	NR	UNK	191	5	11	1	0	520K
LINCOLN COMPLEX	MT	HNF	7,500	NR	UNK	96	3	11	3	0	750K
BURNT RIDGE COMPLEX	MT	LCF	575	6	UNK	75	3	8	1	0	55K
SHEEP COMPLEX	MT	HNF	500	0	UNK	49	1	5	0	0	300K
TYSON	WY	YNP	115	NR	UNK	40	2	0	2	0	NR
BUFFALO CREEK	MT	MCD	700	40	UNK	58	2	2	0	0	NR
BAREFOOT CREEK - WFU	MT	BRF	175	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	1K
HARRINGTON RIDGE - WFU	MT	BRF	100	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	1K
SADDLE FORK - WFU	ID	NPF	200	N/A	N/A	1	0	0	0	0	0.5K
BRUSHY SPOON - WFU	ID	NPF	311	N/A	N/A	1	0	0	0	0	0.3K
TWIN LAKES	MT	SWS	93	100	---	166	5	3	0	0	390K

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

WITHINGTON, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Muir) is assigned. This fire is seven miles south of Salmon, ID. Extreme fire behavior with torching, spotting and a building convection column was observed. Structure protection is in place for 66 residences and three commercial properties. Evacuations of the Sunset subdivision, involving 20 residences, remain in effect. Highway 93 has been reopened.

NORTH FORK LICK, Payette National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Van Bruggen) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Marble, Grimmet and North Fork Lick fires, is in sub-alpine fir with dead and down fuels, 18 miles northeast of McCall, ID. The fires are being managed in a confine/contain strategy. Difficult terrain and no road access are hampering suppression operations. Group torching, large runs and backing were observed. No personnel were on the North Fork Lick fire due to extreme fire behavior. Structure protection is in place for 123 residences and two commercial properties.

CANYON CREEK, Boise National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Martin) is assigned. This fire is in pine, sub-alpine fir, grass and brush, 20 miles northeast of Lowman, ID. Fire behavior was moderated; isolated torching with some group movement was observed. Highway 21 remains closed due to rolling debris.

SOUTH FORK, Boise National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned. This fire is in grass, brush and timber, 25 miles northeast of Cascade, ID. Isolated interior torching associated with active backing fire on the north and northwest flanks was observed. Area roads remain closed to the public. Structure protection is in place for two commercial properties.

MENAN, Upper Snake River District, Eastern Idaho Area, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in grass and sagebrush, ten miles west of Rexburg, ID. High fire behavior with ten to 15 foot flame lengths was observed. Structure protection is in place for four residences and eight commercial properties. Egin-Hammer Road is closed.

REFUGE, Northwest State, Utah State Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. This fire is ten miles west of Corinne, UT. Creeping was observed in grass and brush.

MACAFEE HILL, Northwest State, Utah State Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. This fire is in the southeast corner of the Deer Creek Reservoir, 14 miles northeast of Provo, UT. Short runs with flame lengths of eight to ten feet were observed in brush.

FALCONBERRY, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Muir) is assigned. This fire is in grass and mixed conifer with dead and down fuels, 25 miles northwest of Challis, ID. Rough terrain and poor access have made suppression operations difficult. Protection of wilderness values is a priority. A cold front passage resulted in increased wind and fire activity; isolated torching and short uphill runs were observed. Structure protection is in place for one residence.

LOST PACKER COMPLEX, Salmon-Challis National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Waugh, Upper West Horse, Little Horse and Horse fires, is 36 miles northwest of Salmon, ID. Small runs up to five acres were observed on the Upper West Horse fire.

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WITHINGTON	ID	SCF	2,500	0	UNK	311	9	7	3	0	300K
NORTH FORK LICK	ID	PAF	4,866	5	UNK	359	6	6	6	0	3.1M
CANYON CREEK	ID	BOF	5,451	50	8/28	752	24	19	7	0	1.7M
SOUTH FORK	ID	BOF	5,320	60	8/23	445	15	14	4	0	1.5M
MENAN	ID	IFD	10,000	80	8/17	65	0	15	0	0	NR
REFUGE	UT	NWS	1,200	50	8/17	8	0	2	0	0	6K
MACAFEE HILL	UT	NWS	325	95	8/17	23	1	0	0	0	25K
FALCONBERRY	ID	SCF	17,000	0	UNK	44	1	0	1	6	250K
LOST PACKER COMPLEX	ID	SCF	715	0	9/30	2	0	0	0	0	23K
FRANK CHURCH - WFU	ID	PAF	6,106	N/A	N/A	22	0	0	0	0	NR
CLEAR CREEK - WFU	WY	BTF	152	N/A	N/A	16	0	0	0	0	49K

BTF = Bridger-Teton National Forest

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

NORTHERN BIGHORN COMPLEX, Bighorn National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullinex) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Little Horn 2 and Riley Point fires, is 35 miles northwest of Sheridan, WY. Active fire behavior with moderate crown runs and spotting was observed in ponderosa pine, Douglas fir and grass. Nineteen summer homes and a Fish and Game cabin remain evacuated. Structure protection is in place.

PINE RIDGE COMPLEX, Pine Ridge Reservation, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kearney) will assume command today. This complex is in timber with grass understory, 13 miles northeast of Pine Ridge, SD. The complex is composed of Papa Hollow, Horseback Complex, Mander Dump and Hollow Horn. Running, crowning and torching were observed. Structure protection is in place for six residences.

COPPER MOUNTAIN, Worland Field Office (North Zone), Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 12 miles east of Thermopolis, WY. Extreme fire behavior with running and spotting was observed in grass, sage and juniper. Structure protection is in place for three residences.

SAWTOOTH, Routt National Forest. This fire is in blowdown and bug-killed spruce, 20 miles northeast of Steamboat Springs, CO. Creeping, single tree torching and group torching were observed. Crews reduced ladder fuels in preparation for a possible burn out operation along the north fork of the Elk River.

NORRIS, Shoshone National Forest. This fire is 35 miles west of Cody, WY. Single tree torching and backing toward Fishhawk Creek were observed in timber.

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NORTHERN BIGHORN COMPLEX	WY	BHF	5,250	10	UNK	401	9	17	4	1	1.3M
PINE RIDGE COMPLEX	SD	PRA	7,105	30	9/1	63	0	14	1	4	200K
COPPER MOUNTAIN	WY	WOD	2,136	20	8/19	27	0	5	0	0	NR
SAWTOOTH	CO	RTF	200	10	UNK	28	1	0	1	0	70K
NORRIS	WY	SHF	125	0	9/1	25	1	0	1	0	70K
BITTERCREEK COMPLEX	WY	CMX	410	100	---	54	1	3	0	0	NR
WINTER ELK	CO	WRD	150	100	---	9	1	0	0	0	NR

CMX = Campbell County

WRD = White River Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

BLACK CANYON, Washington Department of Natural Resources. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Holloway/Reed) is assigned. This fire is in timber, five miles southeast of Northport, WA. Cooler temperatures and higher humidity reduced burning activity. Structure protection is in place for 183 residences.

NORTH ZONE COMPLEX, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Johnson/Barnett) is assigned. This complex is in heavy timber, six miles southeast of Darrington, WA. The North Zone Complex is responsible for initial attack on the Darrington, Skykomish and Mt Baker districts of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. 13 lightning fires are in patrol status, two fires are staffed, and four fires are unstaffed due to terrain. Smoldering and creeping were observed.

TOGO MOUNTAIN, Colville National Forest. This fire is in timber, three miles east of Danville, WA. The fire is less than one mile from the Canadian border and moving towards Canada.

CLOVER CREEK, Oregon Department of Forestry, State Headquarters. An Oregon Department of Forestry Incident Management Team (Thorpe) is assigned. This fire is in young stands of timber and grass with heavy concentrations in piles, five miles northwest of Keno, OR. Flare-ups with spotting and intensely burning piles were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLACK CANYON	WA	NES	2,280	70	8/20	1,003	37	62	5	0	2.6M
NORTH ZONE COMPLEX	WA	MSF	170	90	8/18	328	7	10	4	0	2.6M
TOGO MOUNTAIN	WA	COF	2,500	5	UNK	68	1	6	2	0	NR
CLOVER CREEK	OR	ORS	327	30	8/18	474	15	26	0	0	125K

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

BLUE RIVER COMPLEX, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Steeple, Largo and Thomas fires, is in ponderosa pine, mixed conifer, pinyon pine, brush and grass, 18 miles south of Alpine, AZ.

BROTHERS, Gila National Forest. This fire, in ponderosa pine, grass, and pine litter, is in monitor status. No new information was received. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

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BLUE RIVER COMPLEX	AZ	ASF	18,575	90	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	NR
BROTHERS	NM	GNF	550	NR	UNK	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
ANTELOPE – WFU	AZ	KNF	237	N/A	N/A	8	0	2	0	0	NR

KNF = Kaibab National Forest

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

WILLIAMS FIRE, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. This fire is in red fir and lodgepole pine, 15 miles east of Grant Grove, in Kings Canyon National Park, CA. Fire activity was moderated; isolated pockets of torching were observed. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

COONEY, Sequoia National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, which began on 7/31, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is in pine and fir, 15 miles northeast of Camp Nelson, CA. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

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WILLIAMS FIRE- WFU	CA	KNP	140	N/A	N/A	7	0	0	0	0	5K
COONEY - WFU	CA	SQF	1,351	N/A	N/A	49	3	0	0	0	57K
MOUNTAIN COMPLEX - WFU	CA	STF	636	N/A	N/A	34	2	1	1	0	49K

STF = Stanislaus National Forest

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

PIPE CREEK, Alaska Division of Forestry, Central Office. This fire is 25 miles east-southeast of Soldotna, AK. The fire is in mixed spruce, hemlock and hardwoods. Significant precipitation moderated the fire behavior; minimal fire activity was observed.

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PIPE CREEK	AK	AKS	446	90	8/17	36	2	0	1	0	189K

OUTLOOK:

Fire Weather Watches: For gusty winds, hot temperatures, low relative humidity in western and central North Dakota. For increasing and shifting winds and thunderstorm activity, dry relative humidity and hot temperatures in the Black Hills and northeast Wyoming.

Red Flag Warnings: For gusty winds, hot temperatures, low relative humidity and thunderstorms in south central and southeast Montana. For increasing and shifting winds and thunderstorm activity, dry relative humidity and hot temperatures in the northern Big Horn Mountains of Wyoming.

Weather Discussion: An upper level low pressure area will make its way into western Wyoming today. This trough will eventually be absorbed into another low across the four corners area, then move eastward through the Plains. Moisture and instability ahead and north of the system will spark thunderstorms today from southwest to northeast Montana, through eastern parts of the Great Basin, and over the Southwest. Some storms in Montana may be of the dry variety. The northern parts of Idaho should experience less thunderstorm activity as the atmosphere stabilizes behind the cold front. However, temperatures will start to inch their way upwards as relative humidity decreases.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<p>NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA Gusty winds mainly east of the divide and western North Dakota with isolated to scattered thunderstorms southern Montana. Partly cloudy elsewhere.</p>	<p>Idaho: 80s Montana, west of the divide: 75 to 85 Montana, east of the divide: 85 to 95 North Dakota: 85 to 95</p>	<p>Idaho: 25 to 35% Montana, west of the divide: 30 to 40% Montana, east of the divide: 25 to 40% North Dakota: 25 to 40%</p>	<p>Idaho: Northwest 10 to 20 mph Montana, west of the divide: Northwest 10 to 20 mph Montana, east of the divide: Northwest 15 to 25 mph North Dakota: South 10 to 20 mph, becoming northwest 10 to 20 mph late.</p>
<p>EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Isolated shower eastern Idaho, Bridger-Teton. Partly cloudy central and west. Utah, Arizona Strip: Partly to mostly cloud with scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly central and eastern Utah.</p>	<p>Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 65 to 75 mountains, 75 to 85 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 66 to 80 higher elevations, 80 to 96 valleys.</p>	<p>Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 25 to 40% mountains, 14 to 25% valleys. Utah, Arizona Strip: 25 to 42% mountains, 12 to 25% valleys.</p>	<p>Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Northwest 5 to 15 mph western Idaho. Northeast 5 to 15 mph shifting to east late in eastern Idaho, Bridger-Teton. Utah, Arizona Strip: West to northwest 5 to 15 mph western Utah, upslope/upvalley 3 to 9 mph central and eastern Utah.</p>
<p>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Scattered thunderstorms, especially in the afternoon (some dry eastern Black Hills and portions of southwest Wyoming). Mostly sunny over the eastern plains.</p>	<p>Highs in the mid 70s to upper 80s, except 90s over the eastern plains and 65 to 75 in the mountains.</p>	<p>10 to 20% over portions of the eastern plains and southwest Wyoming, with 25 to 40% elsewhere.</p>	<p>Northwest 20 to 30 mph over northeast Wyoming, variable 8 to 18 mph elsewhere.</p>
<p>NORTHWEST AREA Mostly sunny.</p>	<p>Warming, 80s and 90s</p>	<p>West of Cascades: 35% in the north to 15% far south. Eastside: 10 to 20%</p>	<p>Not so windy. Variable to mostly northwest, 5 to 12 mph.</p>

<p>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Partly cloudy over the southern and eastern mountains and deserts with a slight chance of a thunderstorm. Mostly sunny elsewhere.</p>	<p>70 to 85 coastal areas. 85 to 100 mountains. 95 to 105 valleys. 94 to 104 upper desert. 100 to 110 low desert.</p>	<p>15 to 30% desert. 10 to 25% mountains. 8 to 18% valleys. 40 to 55% coast.</p>	<p>Southeast to southwest 7 to 15 mph and gusty in the afternoon.</p>
<p>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Sunny, except patches of morning low clouds and fog near the coast.</p>	<p>Upper 60s to upper 70s near the coast, mid 80s to mid 90s higher elevations, and mid 90s to near 105 inland valleys.</p>	<p>5 to 18% inland valleys, 20 to 30% far western areas, and 40% or more along the immediate coast.</p>	<p>Afternoon winds southwest to northwest 4 to 8 mph with a few higher gusts in the afternoon, except afternoon gusts 15 to 25 mph east of the Cascade-Sierra crest.</p>



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FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			0				0
	ACRES			11,360				11,360
Northwest	FIRES	6				4	1	11
	ACRES	2				1	0	3
Northern California	FIRES					18	2	20
	ACRES					179	0	179
Southern California	FIRES		3			17	5	25
	ACRES		2			254	2	258
Northern Rockies	FIRES	4	0		5	26	22	57
	ACRES	8,541	3,025		7,048	12,229	16,780	47,623
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	13		1	20	29	65
	ACRES	98	7,233		0	461	4,866	12,658
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES	6	1		1		8	16
	ACRES	5	1		0		0	6
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3	6			4	11	24
	ACRES	6	1,500			0	103	1,609
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	21	24	0	7	89	78	219
	ACRES	8,652	11,761	11,360	7,048	13,124	21,751	73,696

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	14	22	10	373	12	432
	ACRES	20	40,271	259,296	3,712	258,271	2	561,572
Northwest	FIRES	197	176	9	37	1,272	810	2,501
	ACRES	17,817	12,762	9	14	44,031	112,504	187,137
Northern California	FIRES	100	58	7	6	1,661	624	2,456
	ACRES	53	11,579	2	6,511	18,011	16,550	52,706
Southern California	FIRES	47	85	10	46	1,943	628	2,759
	ACRES	853	2,499	360	216	30,305	6,810	41,043
Northern Rockies	FIRES	779	57	31	67	710	1,108	2,752
	ACRES	31,149	102,695	22,865	52,336	91,727	120,302	421,074
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	50	666	4	32	530	732	2,014
	ACRES	18,459	129,752	1,060	2,631	28,812	102,643	283,357
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	344	1	11	108	125	594
	ACRES	1	10,876	0	5	1,938	2,850	15,670
Southwest	FIRES	731	166	5	30	779	1,828	3,539
	ACRES	36,502	5,674	284	3,550	14,841	202,378	263,229
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	150	672	39	41	904	537	2,343
	ACRES	8,976	13,951	1,963	778	16,344	26,126	68,138
Eastern Area	FIRES	905		66	20	9,086	426	10,503
	ACRES	52,186		6,890	685	108,851	5,526	174,138
Southern Area	FIRES	127		38	11	11,133	325	11,634
	ACRES	21,318		6,279	756	174,599	8,799	211,751
TOTAL	FIRES	3,092	2,238	232	311	28,499	7,155	41,527
	ACRES	187,334	330,059	299,008	71,194	787,730	604,490	2,279,815

Ten Year Average Fires	58,541
Ten Year Average Acres	3,139,492

Changes in some agency YTD agency acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						150	150
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	150	150

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					1,555		1,555
Northwest	FIRES	40	92	17	3		217	369
	ACRES	8,178	10,907	4,484	123		29,008	52,700
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	112	16		127	264
	ACRES	31	267	21,145	2,193		9,712	33,348
Southern California	FIRES		2	3	6		170	181
	ACRES		27	621	3,218		13,675	17,541
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	9	69	4	23	316	433
	ACRES	502	3,808	9,264	760	1,750	15,035	31,119
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	17	3		9	24	54
	ACRES	18	3,791	300		910	6,200	11,219
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1		2		1	4
	ACRES		100		320		230	650
Southwest	FIRES	13	34	19	7	3	231	307
	ACRES	3,333	26,896	39,373	5,240	12	43,299	118,153
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	28	14	90	9	10	74	225
	ACRES	1,730	1,336	12,778	9,542	132	5,883	31,401
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		311	16	448	201	999
	ACRES	10,562		56,486	1,823	78,510	26,889	174,270
Southern Area	FIRES	53		270	70	13,166	1,195	14,754
	ACRES	19,379		95,845	83,289	765,324	923,007	1,886,844
TOTAL	FIRES	172	176	894	133	13,665	2,556	17,596
	ACRES	43,733	47,132	240,296	106,508	848,193	1,072,938	2,358,800

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						61	61
Northern Rockies	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						3,975	3,975
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						937	937
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				0			0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	4,973	4,973

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						151	151
Northern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Southern California	FIRES				39		19	58
	ACRES				311		1,894	2,205
Northern Rockies	FIRES				3		48	51
	ACRES				602		30,189	30,791
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				2		12	14
	ACRES				364		5,412	5,776
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6					6
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				7		15	22
	ACRES				3,500		159,608	163,108
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		15		2		3	20
	ACRES		1,551		0		1,869	3,420
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				9			9
	ACRES				2,698			2,698
TOTAL	FIRES	0	21	0	62	0	103	186
	ACRES	0	1,553	0	7,475	0	199,124	208,152

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	33	2,022	2,073	111,100
Yukon Territory	0	0	69	30,783
Alberta	5	2	964	46,494
Northwest Territory	0	0	149	108,375
Saskatchewan	5	722	543	108,775
Manitoba	12	7	1,019	356,256
Ontario	0	0	785	299,469
Quebec	10	1,090	616	64,044
Newfoundland	1	0	153	23,888
New Brunswick	0	0	173	181
Nova Scotia	0	0	232	1,284
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	1	1,863	79	46,486
Total	67	5,706	6,855	1,197,134

RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska	9	5				1			8	2
Northwest	29	67	30	115		12			382	383
Northern California	3		12	2						
Southern California	14		4		7	1	2		16	
Northern Rockies	146	110	112	361	44	58			1639	1178
Eastern Great Basin	53	44	69	82	33	10	1		553	134
Western Great Basin										
Southwest			2						3	
Rocky Mountain	18	5	42	38	13				93	61
Eastern Area									8	
Southern Area										
Total	272	231	271	598	97	82	3	0	2702	1758

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